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SUBJ: ALLON SAYS ISRAEL READY TO RESTORE TIES WITH SOVIET,
ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH PRC

1. SUMMARY: IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS IN KNESSET DECEMBER 3
FONMIN ALLON SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO REPRESENTATIONS BY
SOVIETS TO ASCERTAIN POSSIBILITIES FOR RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC
TIES WITH ISRAEL, BUT THAT ISRAEL WAS OPEN TO SUCH AN INITIATIVE.
HE ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING TIES WITH PRC.
END SUMMARY.

2. TEXT OF ALLON'S STATEMENT FOLLOWS. BEGIN QUOTE. THERE
HAVE BEEN NO REPRESENTATIONS BY THE SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN
BLOC COUNTRIES TO ASCERTAIN POSSIBILITIES FOR THE RESUMPTION
OF DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH ISRAEL.

3. I WISH TO RECALL THAT IT WAS NOT WE, BUT THE SOVIET UNION,
WHICH DECIDED, WITHOUT JUSTIFICATION, TO SEVER THE TIES IN JUNE 1967.
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WE HAVE ALWAYS MAINTAINED, AND STILL MAINTAIN THAT, DESPITE

THE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BETWEEN US AND THE SOVIET UNION, MISUNDERSTANDINGS CAN BE AVERTED, AND EVEN A CERTAIN DEGREE OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING ACHIEVED, THROUGH CURRENT AND DIRECT DIALOGUE, WHICH IS POSSIBLE ONLY BETWEEN COUNTRIES MAINTAINING MUTUAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. THE IDEA OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE, EVEN BETWEEN COUNTRIES HOLDING DIFFERENT VIEWS-- AN IDEA WHICH THE SOVIET UNION DECLARES TO UPHOLD -- IS, OF COURSE, INCONSISTENT WITH THE SEVERANCE OF DIPLOMATIC TIES.

4. THESE FACTS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SOVIET UNION AND IT IS WELL AWARE OF OUR READINESS TO RENEW THE TIES WITHOUT DELAY.

5. OUR DOOR IS OPEN FOR SUCH AN INITIATIVE. END QUOTE.

6. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE ALLON ALSO SAID THERE WERE NO RELIABLE INDICATIONS THAT CHINESE LEADERS WERE NOW TAKING MORE POSITIVE VIEW TOWARDS ISRAEL, THOUGH HE WAS ACTING IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY TO SET UP DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONTACT WITH PEOPLES CHINA. KEATING UNQTE KISSINGER

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